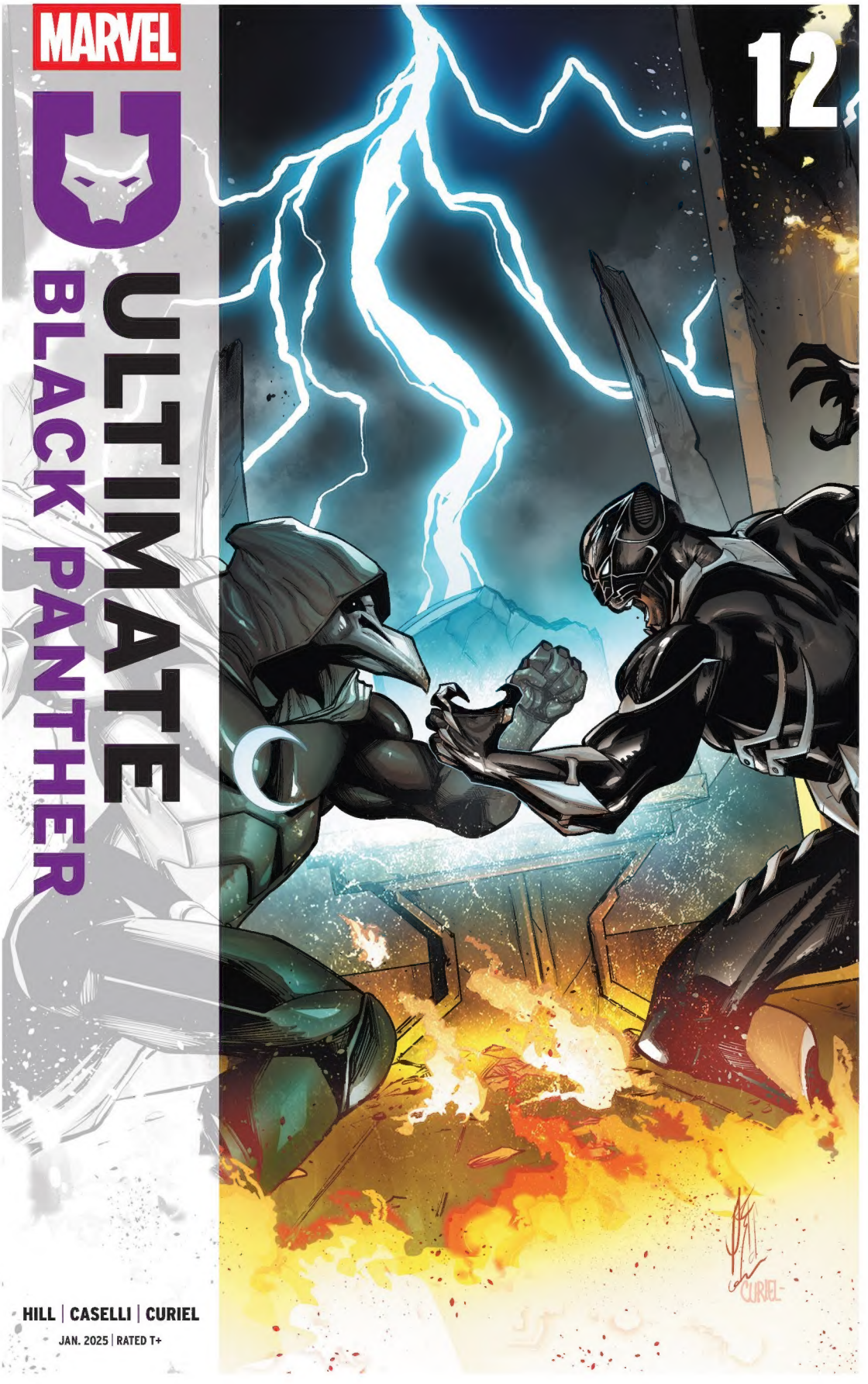
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Nggh...
You are...

...no God.

Bleed into the soil you have tried to conquer, Moon Knight.
And then I will finish you.
My king, he *is* finished.
All I can feel is hatred.
All I *am* is hatred.
Mercy...

A soul within me wants his flesh and blood.
No... not like this...
RRRAAAAH!!!
SKAAAAK

SRAAAAK
SRAAAAK
Kneel!
Kneel!!!
RRRRAAAAAA--

—AAAHHHH!
Tell me.
What did you see?
It's not what I saw. It's what I felt.
And what did you feel?
I murdered Moon Knight under the light of the moon, and I felt joy.
But not my own. Something else was joyful. Inside of me.

And this frightens you?
I am not a murderer, Matron Imala.
Yet on the next full moon, you will fight him to the death. You have agreed to this. And you were right to do so.
It will bring peace.
His followers will serve you. The kingdom he has built will become yours. You will explore his powers. *Their* powers.
And you will walk toward your destiny.
Which is?

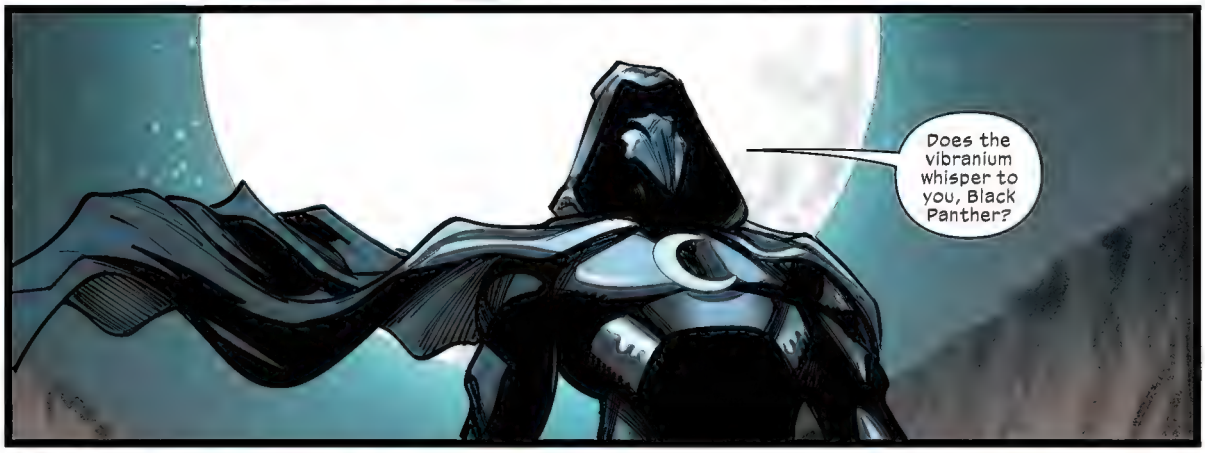
The Vodu-Khan have waited for generations for this moment. For your bloodline to realize what needs to be.
For Wakanda and vibranium to take their throne in the world.
I am no priestess of peace, my king. I am witness to the birth of a new age.
I do not fear your visions. I *embrace* them. As you should as well.
You know what's happening to me. What I feel. What I sense.
I know there is little trust between us. I have kept your ways at a distance.
But now I ask you...
Tell me what I am becoming.
You know what you are becoming. The *great vessel*. The God-substance speaks to you.
Your father could not hear it. Your grandfather could not hear it.
Vibranium.
But *you* can hear it.

A ridiculous word of science for something far greater. You and your rationalism have come to the water's edge. Beyond it is the sea of *true* knowledge.
Imala. In honesty... What God do you serve?
The Vodu-Khan serve *you*, my king.
The moon will rise, and you will face Khonshu and Ra.
No man is greater than his destiny. Let that guide you.
I will pray for you.

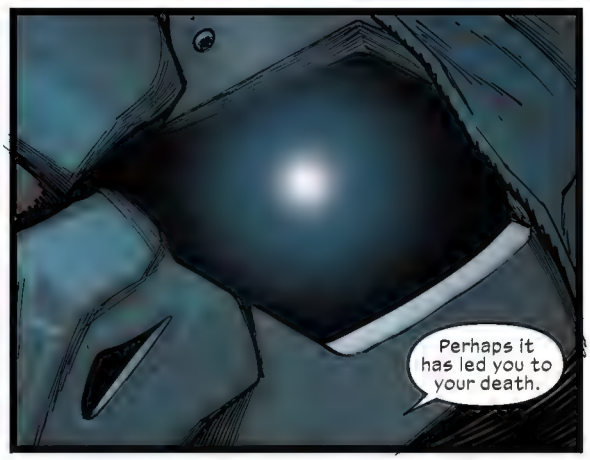
He comes with pageantry.

I come with destiny.
You seem remarkably calm.
I do not fear the Moon Knight.
I fear what the Moon Knight will force me to do.
They need to see his frailties. His vulnerabilities.
It's not about the victor tonight.
It's about how the victory is won.

This will be the end of one age. The beginning of another. By blood spilled, the page shall turn.
Okoye, my queen, tell our people not to react. Do not celebrate. Do not show stress.
Tonight, we show them that Wakanda is unrelenting.
For this land--
--I ask this land--
--guide my actions.


Does the vibranium whisper to you, Black Panther?

Does it give you dreams of victory?


Perhaps it has led you to your death.

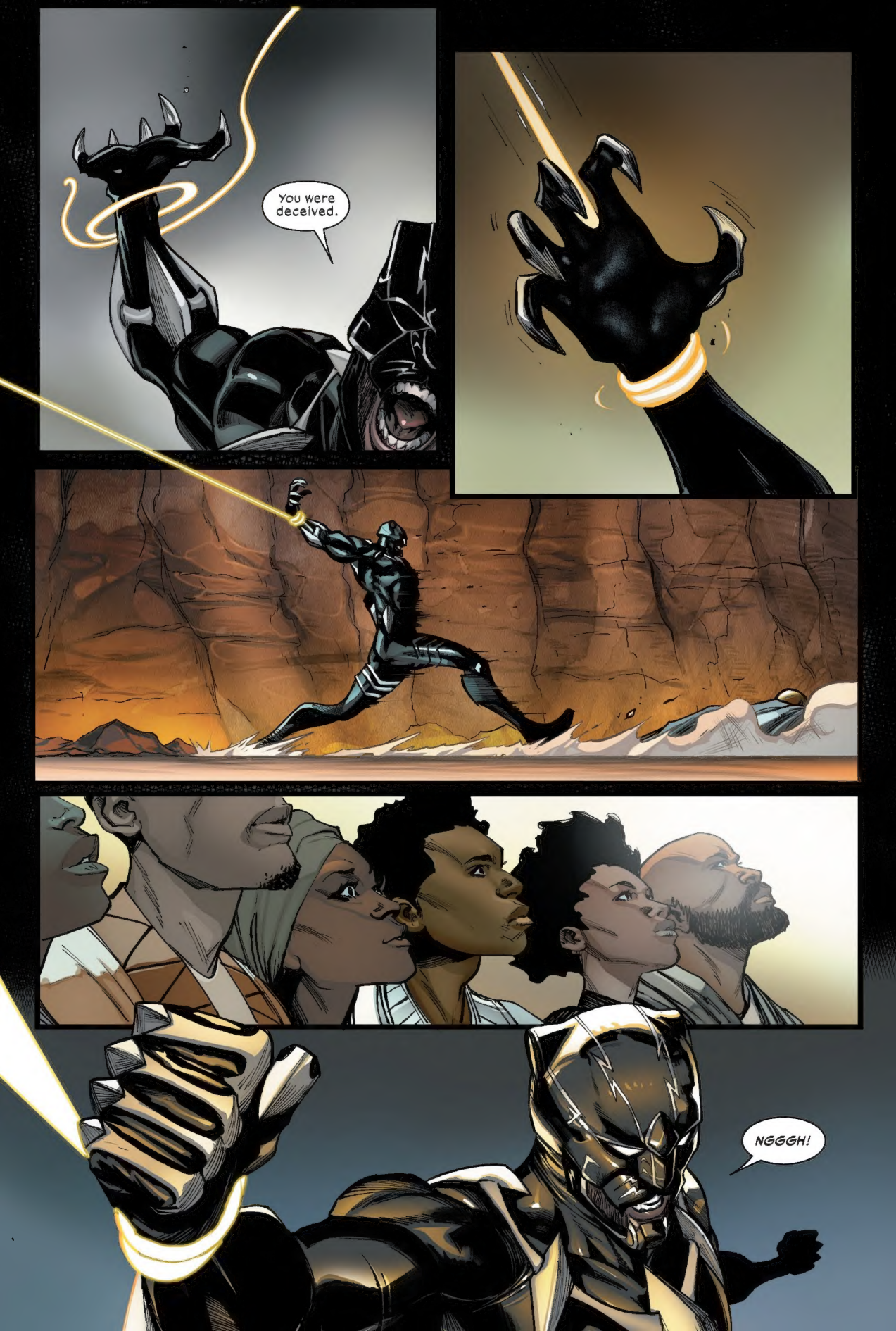
Let us see which of our dreams speaks the truth.
Set your eyes on this moment!
This is the first step in this continent's future. The end of limitation.
And the punishment of blasphemers.
The moon shall see you fall!

Under your armor...
...all there is...
...is fear!
Hail Moon Knight!!!

Who...?
Break before your faithful, Panther!
KRACK

Unh!!!
Impossible!

Kill him.
Kill him.
No...I was promised...


You were deceived.
NGGGH!

You must be T'Challa. I am *Inan*.
Your friends have told me a lot about you.
No idea who this "Moon Guy" is-- but he doesn't matter.
What matters is you have a vibranium problem.
And it might not be too late to save everything you believe in.
TO BE CONTINUED...